

RECREATION COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 28, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cindi Beede, Sheena Royce, Bonnie Jones, Bruce Lafond, Terri Robbitts, and Catie Caisse. Mrs. Robbitts convened the meeting at 7:05pm.

1. Summer Recreation Update: Cindi met with Lisa Sander (Summer Rec Director) on Monday March 21. Applications for Leader positions have started to come in and most Leaders from last season are interested in returning this year. As soon as the deadline hits, Lisa will begin the interview process. Field trip plans and daily activities were discussed and Lisa was given a guided tour of the Pole Barn by former Director Jeremy Rathbun. Cindi reached out to the Troy Recreation Department and proposed a planned field day with their summer camp. Registration has been scheduled for Monday, May 9th. Lisa is enthusiastic and has begun research and planning.
2. Todd Bergeron: Todd Bergeron, representing Kev's Kayaks in Fitzwilliam, joined the Commission to discuss the possibility of organizing kayaking excursions at his establishment on Scott Pond. He proposed "family nights" at Kev's Kayaks and the possibility of giving the Recreation Department participants a reduced rate to kayak (enough to cover costs) and offered the Recreation Department the profits over and above that amount. Cindi mentioned a formal agreement would have to be drawn, outlining the expectations of both the Recreation Department and Kev's Kayaks if a relationship occurred. After a lengthy discussion, the Recreation Commission decided it was best to think things over and revisit this topic at next month's meeting.
3. Yoga Session: A 6-week Yoga session starts April 14th at the Fitzwilliam Town Hall.
4. Winter Blues Afterschool: A collaborative effort between the Recreation Department and the Emerson School PTCO was not successful. The program was supposed to be three days of activities. The first day (designed for kids in k-3rd) had 7 participants and the next two (designed for 3-6th grade) had 6 and 4 participants consecutively. The last two program dates were cancelled because there wasn't enough interest to run the games. A discussion was had concerning the lack of program interest.
5. Self Defense: The final day of Self Defense is Tuesday, March 29. The program has had 14 participants per week and it's been very successful. The Recreation Commission agree the program should be offered again, maybe next year.
6. Ice Rink and Tennis Nets: The ice rink is in the process of disassembly. The nets are tentatively scheduled to be put up the week of April 11th. All is weather permitting.
7. Derby: The Children's Fishing Derby is scheduled for May 22. Cindi proposed calling the Fish and Game Club at Monadnock High School to see if they would be interested in helping with this year's events. All agreed.

At 8:30, Mr. Lafond motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Robbitts and then passed 6-0.

